

Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004.

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—203) Pages S10646, S10653–54, S10660, S10669

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:29 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10759.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, and Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Sec-

retary of the Navy for Financial Management, and 685 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1379, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and the nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY PENSION PLANS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effect of Federal bankruptcy and pension policy on the financial situation of the airlines, focusing on the airlines' underfunding as an example of possible broader problems with the defined benefit pension system, airlines facing severe competitive pressures, structural flaws in the pension insurance program, and bargaining efforts to reduce pension costs, after receiving testimony from Representative Emanuel; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Bradley D. Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Duane E. Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; and Robert L. Crandall, Irving, Texas.

BIOSHIELD II

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on the Judiciary: On Wednesday, October 6, Committees concluded a joint hearing to examine an ever-changing threat relating to BioShield II, focusing on incentives for research to develop countermeasures to bio-terror pathogens, and S. 666, to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop antivirals, antibiotics and other drugs, vaccines, microbicides, detection, and diagnostic technologies to prevent and treat illnesses associated with a biological, chemical, or radiological weapons attack, after receiving testimony from Christine Grant, Aventis Pasteur, Bridgewater, New Jersey; Alan P. Timmins, AVI BioPharma, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Kathleen D. Jaeger, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, Arlington, Virginia; Carlos

Angulo, Zuckerman Spaeder, on behalf of the Coalition for a Competitive Pharmaceutical Market, Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, and John M. Clerici, McKenna Long and Aldridge, LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; John G. Bartlett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Infectious Disease Society of America; and Patricia Greenberg, New York State Nurse Alliance SEIU 1199, Syracuse.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 2391, to amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving universities, the public sector, and private enterprises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2668, for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete; and

The nomination of Robert Cramer Balfe III, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 5242–5289; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 511–513, and H. Res. 535–541, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 776, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation, adversely (H. Rept. 108–754, Pt. 1);

Conference report on H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–755);

H.R. 4264, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, amended (H. Rept. 108–756);

H.R. 4893, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (H. Rept. 108–757);

H.R. 4588, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–758);

H.R. 4650, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas,

and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project (H. Rept. 108–759);

H.R. 4775, to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project (H. Rept. 108–760);

H.R. 5135, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 108–761);

H. Res. 830, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–762);

H. Res. 831, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–763);

H. Res. 832, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–764);

H. Res. 833, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–765); and

H. Res. 834, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–766).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dan Remus, Senior Pastor, First Assembly of God in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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